

The Dakota Chapter of NENA



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Bill Owens
Chairman of the Board
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RE: Public Safety Communications Project

Dear Mr. Owens:

We are pleased to hear that New EA intends to serve rural America with wireless mobile broadband access using wireless technologies. Providing Fourth Generation or "4G" mobile services, using a combination of unlicensed and licensed 700 MHz spectrum, for public safety and commercial use in rural areas is something we would be extremely supportive of. As we all know, public safety enhancements that create efficient and effective response times is critical to the citizens we serve.

Public safety would benefit from a state/region-wide mobile broadband emergency communications network that would be accessible to a broad range of first responders and other public safety personnel and organizations. In the interest of promoting public safety in our rural states and communities, we have a strong interest in the products, networks, and technology being developed by New EA, Inc.

The network described would be compatible with the national 700 MHz public safety network envisioned by the federal Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) and could enable public safety personnel and organizations in rural states to utilize a broad range of applications made possible over a "4G" network that will enhance emergency response and public safety in general.

We also understand that like the PSST vision, this network will be utilized for both public safety as well as for commercial use, with **priority access for public safety use**. The network will provide: broadband access speeds at 1 mbps through the coverage area, voice coverage throughout the landmass, ad-hoc Video casting capabilities from the location back to a central office and fixed surveillance capabilities and vehicle tracking.

We understand that New EA has secured a Letter of Interest from the State of North Dakota to move forward with the "4G" project. We also understand that several departments within the State of North Dakota intend on participating in this project that include but are not limited to the Information Technology Department, the Division of Homeland Security, the Division of State Radio Communications, the Highway Patrol and the Criminal Justice Information System and the Department of Transportation. We would be willing participants in this project.

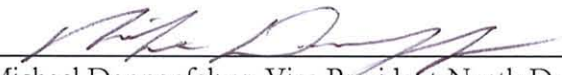
We are hopeful that upon successful demonstration of the initial project in North Dakota, the project would extend to other states and a regional implementation would develop quickly. This could and would enhance interoperability with regional states and thereby foster greater emergency response capabilities in North Dakota and other rural states.

This letter is written as a statement of interest and we offer our cooperation as the network and technology is developed. We are interested in continued discussions to develop a public safety network that brings enhanced communications services to rural America. We support New EA's plans to utilize the Public Safety Spectrum (763-768/793-798 MHz) currently licensed by the FCC to the PSST and unlicensed spectrum for a rural based public safety project.

Sincerely,



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